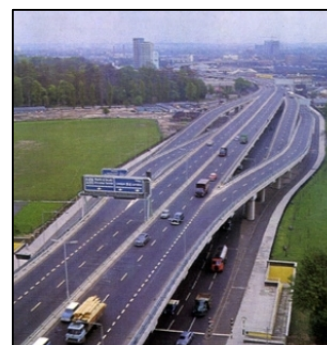


Commemorative Issues - Four sets issued in 1968.

1968/01 British Bridges, issued 29th April 1968.

A series of commemorative stamps were issued featuring notable British bridges. The four bridges chosen were:

- **The Tarr Steps** - A 'clapper' bridge across the River Barle in the Exmoor National Park. The bridge consists of natural stone slabs, weighing upwards of a ton apiece, placed across stone supports placed in the river. The bridge dates to around 1000 BC.
- **Aberfeldy Bridge** - Often referred to as 'General Wade's Bridge', was one of a number of bridges built by General George Wade as part of a network of new roads built across the Highlands of Scotland. Designed by William Adam, father of the better known Robert Adam, the bridge was started in 1733, and opened for traffic in August 1735.
- **Menai Bridge** - The Menai Suspension Bridge spans the Menai Strait and connects North Wales with the Isle of Anglesey. Started in 1819, it was built by Thomas Telford and opened to the public on 30th January 1826. Much strengthened and renovated over the years, the structure still functions today.
- **M4 Viaduct (Chiswick)** - Ariel view shown alongside.



The set of four stamps was designed by:

- 4d - **Jeffery Matthews** - Tarr Steps.
- 9d - **Andrew Restall** - Aberfeldy Bridge.
- 1/6d - **Leonard Rosoman** - Menai Bridge.
- 1/9d - **Jeffery Matthews** - M4 Viaduct.

Quantities sold - figures shown above each stamp. The set was withdrawn on 28th April 1969.

4d - 97,458,120



20 dies

9d - 8,773,080



4 dies

1/6d - 9,451,400



3 dies

1/9d - 5,924,800



0 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *British Bridges issue*, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

	PS Cat No	Letters	4d	9d	1/6d	1/9d
26 DD	<< Totals >>	27 DDF	20	4	3	0
1	B0024.01	B	4d			
2	B1150.01	B.C.	4d			
3	B5820.01	BP/M	4d			
4	B7100.01	BT/C	4d			
5	C3930.01	C&/J.H.	4d			
6	C6120.01aM	C.P/R	4d			
7	D2260.02aM	DHE			1/6d	
8	E4110.03M	ES		9d		
9	E4170.01	ES/&/AR	4d			
10	E4960.02M	EW	4d			
11	F0012.01M	F	4d			
12	H1490.01	H&C ^o .			1/6d	
13	I0420.02M	ICI	4d			
14	L1330.02	LCT	4d			
15	M0011.02M	M	4d			
16	M1060.02M	M/C	4d			
17	M2900.01	MH/A	4d			
18	O1410.01	OO	4d	9d		
19	P5170.01M	PW/M	4d			
20	R0012.10M	R	4d			
21	R4830.04M	R&S/L ^d	4d			
22	S6490.01M	S.S/C	4d			
23	T5110.02	TWL			1/6d	
24	W4370.01M	WILLS	4d			
25	W4980.03M	WL ^d		9d		
26	W8230.01M	W.W./&S.		9d		

1968/02 British Anniversaries, issued 29th May 1968.

A set of commemorative stamps was issued featuring notable British anniversaries. The four anniversaries chosen were:

- The **United Kingdom Alliance of Organised Trades**, founded in 1866 in Sheffield, was the forerunner of the '**Trade Union Conference**' (TUC), although the first TUC meeting didn't take place until 1868 in Manchester.
- Women's suffrage first began in the early 1830's, but it wasn't until the end of the First World War in 1918 that events started to unfold. The leading activist from the early 1900's was **Emmeline Pankhurst** (1858-1928). However, it wasn't until 1928 that women received the vote on exactly the same terms as men.
- The **Royal Flying Corps** was founded on 1st April 1913, but was attached to the Army and Navy, and didn't become an independent fighting force until 1st April 1918. From that day on they became known as the **Royal Air Force**.
- Originally built in 1764 as a collier (called the *Earl of Pembroke*), she was purchased in 1768 by the Royal Navy specifically to explore the southern seas in search of '*Terra Australis Incognita*' (unknown southern land). She was renamed '**Endeavour**', and under **Captain James Cook** reached the east coast of Australia in April 1770.

The set of four stamps was designed by:

- 4d - **David Gentleman** - 'TUC' and Trade Unionists.
- 9d - **Clive Abbott** - Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst (Statue).
- 1/6d - **Clive Abbott** - 'Sopwith Camel' and 'Lightning' Fighters.
- 1/9d - **Clive Abbott** - Captain Cook's *Endeavour*.

Quantities sold - figures shown above each stamp. The set was withdrawn on 28th May 1969.

4d - 97,757,920



16 dies

9d - 9,135,240



3 dies

1/- - 9,872,160



2 dies

1/9d - 6,217,440



1 die

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *British Anniversaries issue*, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

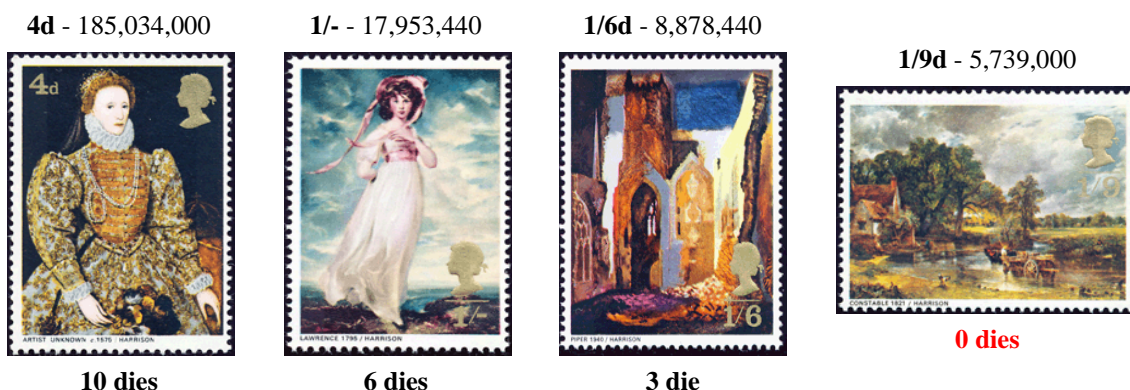
	PS Cat No	Letters	4d	9d	1/-	1/9d
19 DD	<< Totals >>	22 DDF	16	3	2	1
1	B0024.01	B		9d		
2	B1150.01M	B.C.	4d			
3	B5820.01	BP/M	4d			
4	B7060.02M	B.T	4d			
5	C5520.01M	C/of/A		9d	1/-	
6	D2730.01M	D.L.	4d			
7	E0540.01	E&C	4d			
8	E4110.03M	ES	4d		1/-	
9	E4360.01M	ES/Ltd.	4d			
10	F0012.01M	F	4d			
11	H0012.11	H	4d			
12	I2520.01	IT/Co	4d			
13	J2270.03M	JDW/M	4d			
14	K0011.02M	K		9d		1/9d
15	L2610.01	L.G/&/SLd.	4d			
16	N0790.01	NC/&S	4d			
17	P0420.01	P.B	4d			
18	T0760.03M	TC	4d			
19	W1150.01	WC/CoLd	4d			

1968/03 British Paintings - 2, issued 12th August 1968.

This second set of commemoratives celebrating famous paintings by notable British artists was made by Messrs Harrisons, the printers, from photographs of the originals.

- 4d - '*Queen Elizabeth I*' - Artist unknown, painted c1575. Commonly known as the 'Darnley' portrait, after a previous owner.
- 1/- - '*Pinkie*' - Thomas Lawrence (1769-1830). The subject was Sarah Barrett Moulton, who was called 'Pinkie' by her grandmother. Painted in 1794.
- 1/6d - '*Ruins of St Mary le Port*' (Bristol) - John Piper (1903-1992), War Artist. The church was "Blitzed" during WWII - the tower still stands today.
- 1/9d - '*The Hay Wain*' - John Constable (1776-1837). The painting, finished in 1821, shows three horses pulling a 'hay wagon'. The setting is the river Stour, with Willy Lott's cottage seen on the left.

Quantities sold - figures shown above each stamp. Set was withdrawn on 11th August 1969.



The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the British Paintings issue, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

	PS Cat No	Letters	4d	1/-	1/6d	1/9d
16 DD	<< Totals >>	19 DDF	10	6	3	0
1	B1110.05M	BC	4d			
2	B5060.01M	BN	4d			
3	C1710.02	CC/S	4d			
4	C5520.01M	C/of/A		1/-		
5	D2730.01M	D.L.	4d			
6	E4110.03M	ES		1/-	1/6d	
7	E4170.01	ES/&/AR	4d			
8	F0012.01M	F	4d	1/-		
9	H0012.11	H		1/-		
10	H1490.01	H&C ^o .			1/6d	
11	I1510.01M	IL	4d	1/-		
12	K0011.05	K			1/6d	
13	K1560.02M	K.S		1/-		
14	P5170.01M	PW/M	4d			
15	S1220.01	S.C	4d			
16	W8105.01	W.W/L	4d			

1968/04 Christmas (1968) - issued on 25th November 1968.

The set of three stamps was designed by *Rosalind Dease*, all show children playing with their toys.

- 4d - 'Boy and Girl with Rocking Horses'.
- 9d - 'Girl with Doll's House'.
- 1/6d - 'Boy with Train Set'.

Quantities sold - figures are shown above each stamp. The set was withdrawn on the 24th November 1969.

9d - 17,102,520



2 dies

4d - 326,078,360



6 dies

1/6d - 21,344,760



2 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *Christmas 1968 issue*, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

	PS Cat No	Letters	4d	9d	1/6d
9 DD	<< Totals >>	10 DDF	6	2	2
1	B7060.02M	B.T	4d		
2	D0580.01	D.C.	4d		
3	D2730.01M	D.L.	4d		
4	E4110.03M	ES			1/6d
5	F0012.01M	F		9d	
6	J3190.01	J.G.N	4d		
7	K0011.02M	K			1/6d
8	S6440.10M	S&S	4d		
9	W4980.03M	WL ^d	4d	9d	